

This listing of claims replaces all prior listings.

1. (Currently Amended) A positive active material comprising:

particles comprising a compound oxide of lithium; and  
a transition metal,

wherein,

the compound oxide ~~having~~ of lithium has a layered structure[[,]] with a coating layer comprising an inorganic compound and a carbonaceous material ~~being~~ formed on at least part of each surface of the particles, and

the inorganic compound comprises a compound oxide of at least one selected from the group of LiFePO<sub>4</sub>, Li<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>, LiAlO<sub>2</sub>, Li<sub>4</sub>Ti<sub>5</sub>O<sub>12</sub>, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, TiO<sub>2</sub> and MgO.

2. (Original) The positive active material according to Claim 1, wherein the inorganic compound is a lithium compound.

3. (Original) The positive active material according to Claim 1, wherein the weight ratio of the inorganic compound to the carbonaceous material ranges between 99:1 and 60:40.

4. (Original) The positive active material according to Claim 1, wherein the weight ratio of the particles to the coating layers ranges between 98:2 and 70:30.

5. (Currently Amended) A nonaqueous electrolyte secondary battery comprising:

a negative active material; ~~and~~

a positive active material comprising particles comprising a compound oxide of lithium and a transition metal, the compound oxide of lithium having a layered structure[[,]] with a coating layer comprising an inorganic compound and a carbonaceous material ~~being~~ formed on at least part of each surface of the particles, the inorganic compound comprising a compound oxide of at least one selected from the group of LiFePO<sub>4</sub>, Li<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>, LiAlO<sub>2</sub>, Li<sub>4</sub>Ti<sub>5</sub>O<sub>12</sub>, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, TiO<sub>2</sub> and MgO; and

a nonaqueous electrolyte between the negative and positive active materials.